

Form **990****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

2018Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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A For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning May 9, 2018, and ending December 31, 2018	
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization <u>Animal Wellness Action</u>
	Doing business as _____
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 611 Pennsylvania Avenue SE #136
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Washington, DC 20003
	F Name and address of principal officer: William Ty (Marty) Irby, Jr. 625 H Street NE, #301 Washington, DC 20002
D Employer identification number 82-5477192	
E Telephone number 202-821-5686	
G Gross receipts \$ 1,209,286	
H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status: <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) for <input type="checkbox"/> 527	
J Website: ▶ <u>action@animalwellnessaction</u>	
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	
L Year of formation. 2018	
M State of legal domicile: DE	

Part I Summary		Prior Year	Current Year
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>Ending animal cruelty (1) via ANIMAL ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS; (2) by LOBBYING FOR LEGISLATION AT LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL TO HELP ANIMALS; and (3) via ELECTIONEERING. (See Schedule O for much greater detail.)</u>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	3
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	3
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2018 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	15
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 38	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	0	1,209,070
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	216
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	0	1,209,286
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	0	831,846
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	0	831,846
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	0	377,440
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	0	436,215
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	0	58,775
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	0	377,440

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	<u>Sherry A. Kellett</u>	<u>10/20/2019</u>
	Signature of officer	Date
	<u>SHERY A. KELLETT, TREASURER</u>	
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no. ▶			

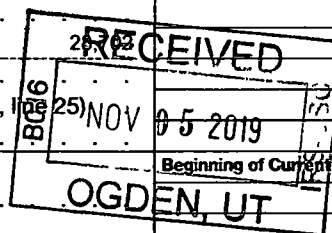
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☒**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Ending animal cruelty by driving public policy reforms at the federal, state and local level. By influencing the work of government,
we can scale animal protection and help millions and billions of animals. We believe that "helping animals helps us all."
 (See Schedule O for much greater detail on our program services of Animal Advocacy and Awareness; Lobbying; and Electioneering.)

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.**4a** (Code:) (Expenses \$ 148,063 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 0)ANIMAL ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS. (See Schedule O for much greater detail.)

- ☐ Developed and launched the innovative Congressional Accountability Tool (CAT) housed on our website to allow citizens to gauge performance of lawmakers with regard to animal welfare.

- ☐ Established our own website - animalwellnessaction.org - and through the website and emails, provided monthly updates on the latest animal welfare campaigns.

- ☐ Published "The Political Animal," an electronic newsletter that is the go-to, insider voice for everything that happens at the intersection of animals and politics.

- ☐ Enlisted and assembled coalitions of experienced prosecutors and other law enforcement leaders, veterinarians, and farmers and ranchers to drive the organization's broad set of goals.

- ☐ Worked with the media to amplify our message that "helping animals helps us all."

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 286,689 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 0)LOBBYING. (See Schedule O for much greater detail.)

- ☐ Pushed to pass a series of very consequential amendments to the Farm Bill in the 115th Congress, including stopping animal fighting in U.S. territories (PACE), cracking down on pet abuse in domestic violence situations (PAWS), and banning sale of dog and cat meat in the U.S.

- ☐ Pushed cosponsorship of a raft of other bills, including the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act, the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act, and the Shark Fin Elimination Act, in order to enhance the likelihood of action on these measures.

- ☐ Helped thwart a number of dangerous attacks in the Congress on animal protection and environmental laws, including delisting of wolves and the King amendment.

- ☐ Backed efforts to bar USDA spending for the slaughter of horses for human consumption.

- ☐ Backed efforts to bar Department of the Interior spending for the slaughter of wild horses and burros for human consumption.

- ☐ Played a leadership role in successful ballot measures, including Florida's initiative to ban greyhound racing.

- ☐ Formulated plans for new legislation to ban lead ammunition, use of gestation crates, and trade in bear gall bladders and viscera.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 345,741 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 0)ELECTIONEERING. (See Schedule O for more detail.)

- ☐ Led efforts to oust two extreme anti-animal Congressmen who worked to thwart mainstream reforms for animals for decades.

- ☐ Also endorsed or opposed several other candidates for public office, based entirely on their political viability and their beliefs and actions on animal welfare issues.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 780,493

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	✓
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2	✓
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	✓
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	✓
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	✓
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	✓
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	✓
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	✓
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	✓
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a	✓
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b	✓
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	✓
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	✓
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e	✓
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f	✓
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a	✓
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b	✓
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	✓
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	✓
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	✓
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	✓
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	✓
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	✓
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	✓
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	✓
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	✓
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	✓

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	✓
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	✓
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a	✓
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	✓
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	✓
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	✓
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	✓
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b	✓
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	✓
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	✓
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	✓
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	✓
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	✓
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	✓
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	✓
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	✓
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32	✓
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	✓
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	✓
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	✓
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b	✓
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37	✓
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	✓

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	13
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	✓

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

		Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return 2a 0		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? 2b		
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? 3a		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O 3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? 4a		✓
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? 5a		✓
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? 5b		✓
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? 5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? 6a	✓	
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? 6b	✓	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? 7a		✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? 7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? 7c		✓
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year 7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? 7e		✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? 7f		✓
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? 7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? 7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? 8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? 9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? 9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities 10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders 11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) 11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? 12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 12b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? 13a		
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans 13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand 13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? 14a		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 14b		
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? 15		✓
If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.			
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? 16		✓
If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.			

Part VII Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year 1a 3		
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent 1b 3		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? 2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? 3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? 4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? 5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? 6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? 7a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? 7b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body? 8a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 8b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O 9		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? 10b		
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 12a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12b		
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done 12c		
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 13		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 14		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official 15a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Other officers or key employees of the organization 15b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? 16a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? 16b		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ►
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records ►
 Sherry Kellelt 631 Raggedy Road, Clyde, NC 28721 828-627-0328

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☒ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Dr. Deborah Wilson Board Chair	2	✓						0	0	0
(2) Dr. Annie Harvilicz Board Secretary	4	✓						0	0	0
(3) Sherry Kellett Board Treasurer	16	✓						0	0	0
(4) William Ty (Marty) Irby, Jr Executive Director	40			✓				57,877		
(5)										
(6)										
(7)										
(8)										
(9)										
(10)										
(11)										
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								0	0	0

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **0**

- 3** Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual **3** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 4** For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual **4** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 5** Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person **5** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Section B. Independent Contractors

- 1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Stagwell Media LLC, dba SKD Knickerbocker LLC	Electioneering activities - direct mailing, postage, digital advertising, production	298,298

- 2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **1**

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,209,070			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		1,209,070			
Program Service Revenue				Business Code			
	2a						
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue .					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶					
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		216	216		
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	5	Royalties ▶					
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	6a	Gross rents					
	b	Less: rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7a	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory					
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c	Gain or (loss)					
	d	Net gain or (loss) ▶					
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 a					
	b	Less: direct expenses b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶					
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 a					
	b	Less: direct expenses b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶					
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a					
b	Less: cost of goods sold b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶						
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶						
12	Total revenue. See instructions ▶			1,209,286	216		

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐**Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.**

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	38,777	34,899	1,939	1,939
b Legal	16,263	1,500	14,763	
c Accounting	900		900	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	83,058	78,648	2,205	2,205
12 Advertising and promotion	28,314	28,314		
13 Office expenses	4,678	3,583	966	129
14 Information technology	107,849	83,970	242	23,637
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	14,225	12,803	711	711
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Support for State ballot measures	225,000	225,000		
b Independent expenditures (electioneering)	310,327	310,327		
c				
d				
e All other expenses	2,455	1,449	925	81
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	831,846	780,493	22,651	28,702
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	0	1	104,316
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	0	2	260,201
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	0	4	1,290
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0	9	70,408
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c	
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	0	16	436,215	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	0	17	58,775
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0	26	58,775
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	0	27	377,440
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	0	33	377,440
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	0	34	436,215

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,209,286
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	831,846
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	377,440
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	0
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	0
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	377,440

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		✓
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		✓
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? . . .		✓
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

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If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization Animal Wellness Action	Employer identification number 82-5477192
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) ▶ \$ 310,327
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions) 200

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ 310,327
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ 0
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ 310,327
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**A** Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).**B** Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-														
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?														

☐ Yes ☐ No**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1 ✓	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	✓
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	3	✓

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Spending to oppose anti-animal protection candidates

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

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SCHEDULE O
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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PART III, LINES 1, 4A, 4B, AND 4C

ANIMAL WELLNESS ACTION'S MISSION FOCUSES ON THREE AREAS OF INTEREST -

ANIMAL AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY, LOBBYING, AND ELECTIONEERING. THESE

COMPRISE THE ORGANIZATION'S CORE PROGRAM SERVICES.

FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF THESE AREAS OF INTEREST FOLLOWS. ANIMAL WELLNESS

ACTION IS REFERRED TO AS "ACTION," "AWA," OR "WE."

ANIMAL ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS

ANIMAL WELLNESS ACTIONS' "BYLINE" IS "HELPING ANIMALS HELPS US ALL."

WHEN WE DO HARM TO ANIMALS, THERE ARE OFTEN ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR

PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

DURING 2018, WE CREATED A COMPREHENSIVE NONPARTISAN WEBSITE -

ANIMALWELLNESSACTION.ORG - TO PROVIDE SUPPORTERS AND THE PUBLIC WITH

AN INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE DESIGNED TO EDUCATE AND INFORM ON CRITICAL

ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES. THE WEBSITE COVERS A VARIETY OF ENGAGING TOPICS,

INCLUDING:

CAMPAIGNS & ADVOCACY - THIS SECTION POINTS OUT THAT THERE IS CLEARLY A

LINK BETWEEN ANIMAL CRUELTY AND VIOLENT CONDUCT TOWARD PEOPLE.

ANTI-CRUELTY LAWS PROTECT ANIMALS AND ALSO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER.

PENDING ANIMAL WELFARE LEGISLATION IS PRESENTED WITH VERBIAGE AND

PHOTOGRAPHS. ENTIRE LEGISLATIVE BILLS ARE ACCESSIBLE THROUGH LINKS

ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO CONTACT THEIR LEGISLATORS ONLINE TO SUPPORT A

PARTICULAR BILL. RECENT LEGISLATIVE "WINS" ARE ALSO DOCUMENTED.

CITIZENS OF ACTION - THIS SECTION EXPLAINS HOW VISITORS TO THE WEBSITE

CAN BECOME "CITIZENS OF ACTION" BY GETTING EDUCATED REGARDING ANIMAL

ISSUES; COMMUNICATING WITH LAWMAKERS; VOTING WITH ONE'S CONSCIENCE;

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2018)

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CAMPAIGNING FOR COMPASSION BY SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES TO CAMPAIGN FOR AND SUPPORT LEGISLATORS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, JUDGES AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND CANDIDATES WHO SUPPORT ANIMAL WELFARE; SHOWING APPRECIATION FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERS BY THANKING THEM, WRITING LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, AND USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO PRESENT INFORMATION ABOUT KEY LEGISLATIVE ISSUES; DONATING TO CANDIDATES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO SUPPORT BETTER ANIMAL WELFARE LAWS; EDUCATING OTHERS ON ANIMAL ISSUES BY SPREADING THE WORD; BEING SOCIAL BY USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO ALERT PEOPLE TO PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION; NETWORKING WITH OTHER ANIMAL WELFARE CONCERNED ORGANIZATIONS AND ENLISTING THEIR SUPPORT FOR ANIMAL PROTECTION LEGISLATION; EATING AND ACTING WITH CONSCIENCE AND PURPOSE BY BUYING CRUELTY-FREE PRODUCTS AND PLANT-BASED FOODS, AND BY REDUCING FOOD AND PACKAGING WASTE.

THE POLITICAL ANIMAL - THIS NEWSLETTER IS THE "GO TO" INSIDERS' VOICE FOR EVERYTHING HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OF ANIMALS AND POLITICS, INCLUDING LEGISLATION, REGULATORY ACTION AND ELECTIONS. IT HIGHLIGHTS KEY ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES. ONE CAN ALSO SIGN UP TO RECEIVE LEGISLATIVE ALERTS AND UPDATES ON LATEST CAMPAIGNS AND SUCCESS STORIES INVOLVING ANIMALS.

IN THE NEWS - THIS SECTION CONTAINS PRESS RELEASES COVERING WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE REALM OF ANIMAL WELFARE, INCLUDING IN CONGRESS, AT ANIMAL WELLNESS ACTION AND ELSEWHERE.

VOTING RECORDS - THIS SECTION CONTAINS THE INNOVATIVE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY TOOL (CAT) WHICH ALLOWS CITIZENS TO GAUGE THE PERFORMANCE OF LAWMAKERS AND SETS A NEW STANDARD FOR TRANSPARENCY AND REAL-TIME EVALUATION OF LAWMAKERS. BY USING THIS MOBILE-FRIENDLY TOOL, ANY CITIZEN CAN INVESTIGATE THE CHAMPIONS AND OBSTRUCTIONISTS ON ANIMAL PROTECTION.

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THE TOOL AGGREGATES KEY ACTIONS ON ANIMAL WELFARE -- FROM RESOLUTIONS SEEKING TO OPEN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES AND NATIONAL PRESERVES IN ALASKA TO DENNING OR AERIAL HUNTING OF BEARS AND WOLVES TO PASSING BILLS TO CRACK DOWN ON STAGED ANIMAL FIGHTS IN U.S. TERRITORIES AND ENACTING THE NATION'S FIRST-EVER ANTI-CRUELTY STATUTE -- AND GIVES CITIZENS AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW HOW LAWMAKERS ARE PERFORMING ON THE ISSUES.

THE CAT IS A VOTER-CENTRIC TOOL THAT ALLOWS A USER TO INPUT A ZIP CODE OR SEARCH FOR THE NAME OF A LAWMAKER TO REVEAL HIS OR HER DETAILED RECORDS FOR THE 115TH CONGRESS OR PRIOR SESSIONS. THE CAT TRACKS KEY VOTES AS FAR BACK AS 2002.

THE CAT BENCHMARKS HOW LAWMAKERS COMPARE TO OTHER LAWMAKERS IN THEIR STATES AND TO ALL DEMOCRATS AND TO ALL REPUBLICANS, REVEALING THEIR COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE.

ANIMAL CONCERNS OFTEN GET LOST IN THE STEW OF ISSUES THAT LAWMAKERS EXAMINE - FROM DEFENSE TO HEALTH CARE TO TAXES TO ENERGY TO JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS. THE CAT IS A TOOL THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THIS SET OF ISSUES TO ACCESS CLEAR, UNDERSTANDABLE INFORMATION THAT LOOKS AT THE BREADTH OF THEIR LAWMAKERS' ANIMAL WELFARE RECORDS. THIS TOOL WILL ALSO PROVIDE A MECHANISM TO EXTEND THANKS TO LAWMAKERS WHO VOTE WITH THEIR HEARTS OR TO CRITICIZE THEM IF THEY ARE UPSIDE DOWN ON THE ISSUES.

THE CAT IS ALL ABOUT TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND CREATING A TWO-WAY DIALOGUE FOR PEOPLE OF CONSCIENCE TO RESPOND TO THE DECISIONS OF LEGISLATORS AS THEY WISH. WE PROMOTED THE CAT IN OP-EDS AROUND THE COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY IN DRAWING CONTRASTS BETWEEN CANDIDATES IN THE FALL 2018 ELECTIONS. POP ICON TAYLOR SWIFT SHARED THE ANIMAL WELLNESS ACTION OP-ED WITH HER 112 MILLION FOLLOWERS ON INSTAGRAM, AND OTHER

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CELEBRITIES DID LIKEWISE, THEREBY GENERATING A RAFT OF MEDIA ATTENTION FOR THIS TOOL.

DURING THE YEAR WE ALSO ENLISTED AND ASSEMBLED COALITIONS OF EXPERIENCED PROSECUTORS AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS, VETERINARIANS, AND FARMERS AND RANCHERS TO DRIVE OUR BROAD SET OF GOALS.

LOBBYING

WE WERE HEAVILY INVOLVED WITH ALL OF THE LEGISLATION ACTIVITIES DISCUSSED BELOW.

BRINGING KEY REFORMS INTO LAW THROUGH THE FARM BILL

TAKEN UP BY LAWMAKERS ONLY ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS, THE FARM BILL WAS THE KEY LEGISLATIVE VEHICLE IN THE 115TH CONGRESS RELATED TO PROGRAMS OF THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WHICH ENFORCES THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT. THIS BROADLY-TITLED BILL HAS HISTORICALLY PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACH AMENDMENTS RELATED TO ANIMAL WELFARE. HERE ARE KEY GAINS SECURED ON THE 2018 FARM BILL.

STOPPING ANIMAL FIGHTING IN THE U.S. TERRITORIES: THE PARITY IN ANIMAL CRUELTY ENFORCEMENT (PACE) ACT WAS WRITTEN TO ENSURE THAT LONG-STANDING FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS ON DOGFIGHTING AND COCKFIGHTING APPLY TO U.S.

TERRITORIES OF AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM, THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, PUERTO RICO, AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. THESE ARE THE LAST BASTIONS

IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE ANIMAL FIGHTS ARE OPENLY AND BRAZENLY STAGED, WITH PUERTO RICO ALONE HAVING MORE THAN 100 COCKFIGHTING

ARENAS. THE HOUSE PASSED PACE AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE FARM BILL, AND THE SENATE ACCEPTED THAT VERSION IN THE FINAL BILL, ALBEIT WITH A ONE-YEAR DELAY ON IMPLEMENTATION.

CRACKING DOWN ON PET ABUSE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATIONS: THE PAWS ACT AUTHORIZES A GRANT PROGRAM TO ALLOW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS TO

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ACCOMMODATE PETS AND SETS UP LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR PETS AND PEOPLE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CIRCUMSTANCES. ABUSERS OFTEN HARM OR THREATEN TO HARM A PET TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER A VICTIM. CURRENTLY, ONLY THREE PERCENT OF SHELTERS NATIONWIDE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO ACCEPT PETS, PREVENTING VICTIMS FROM FLEEING AN ABUSER. THE SENATE INCLUDED THIS PROVISION IN ITS UNDERLYING BILL, AND THE HOUSE ACCEPTED IT IN THE FINAL VERSION OF THE FARM BILL.

BANNING THE SALE OF DOG AND CAT MEAT IN THE U.S.: THE DOG AND CAT MEAT TRADE PROHIBITION ACT BANS THE SLAUGHTER, INTERSTATE TRANSPORT, OR IMPORT OR EXPORT OF DOGS AND CATS FOR SLAUGHTER. PASSING THE LEGISLATION SENDS A MESSAGE TO THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY THAT THE TRADE IN THE MEAT OF PETS IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE, CREATING LEGAL STRICTURES TO PREVENT THE TRADE FROM GETTING A STRONGER FOOTHOLD IN THE U.S. THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE VOTED IN FAVOR OF AN AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE THIS PROVISION IN ITS ORIGINAL VERSION OF THE FARM BILL. THE SENATE ADDED THE PROVISION TO ITS BILL, AND THE PROVISION WAS INCLUDED INTACT IN THE FINAL FARM BILL.

BLOCKING ANTI-ANIMAL AND -ENVIRONMENTAL RIDERS IN THE 115TH CONGRESS NIXING THE EGREGIOUS PROTECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE ACT (PICA) AMENDMENT TO THE FARM BILL: CONFEREES TO THE AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT ACT JETTISONED A PROVISION CONTAINED IN THE HOUSE VERSION OF THE FARM BILL THAT WOULD HAVE GUTTED STATE AND LOCAL LAWS DESIGNED TO REGULATE AGRICULTURE. THE SO-CALLED KING AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE UNDERMINED NUMEROUS STATE LAWS AND INFRINGED ON THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF STATES TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS WITHIN THEIR OWN BORDERS, NULLIFYING HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS, CONSUMER INFORMATION SAFEGUARDS, FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY REGULATIONS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE, AMONG OTHER REGULATIONS. THERE IS A CAREFUL BALANCE BETWEEN FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORITY AT PLAY IN

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AGRICULTURE POLICY, BUT THE KING AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE UPENDED THAT
BALANCE AND USURPED STATE AUTHORITY IN A DRAMATIC WAY WITHOUT PUTTING
ANY NEW PROTECTIVE STANDARDS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

STAVING OFF GRAY WOLF DELISTING: HOUSE AND SENATE NEGOTIATORS DROPPED
HOUSE-APPROVED PROVISIONS TO REMOVE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT
PROTECTIONS FOR WOLVES ACROSS THEIR RANGE THROUGHOUT THE LOWER 48
STATES. GRAY WOLVES, VIRTUALLY ERADICATED BETWEEN 1850 AND 1920 DURING
OUR WESTWARD EXPANSION, HAVE HAD A SLOW WALK BACK FROM THE PRECIPICE OF
EXTINCTION. WOLVES NOW OCCUPY HABITAT IN ABOUT 10 STATES.

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ADD UP ALL THE SURVIVING WOLVES, THOUGH, AND ONLY 5,000 REMAIN IN THE
LOWER 48 STATES.

MAINTAINING THE BAN ON SLAUGHTERING AMERICAN HORSES IN THE U.S: AFTER A
TOUGH FIGHT, THE CONGRESS CONTINUED TO BAN SLAUGHTER PLANTS ON U.S.
SOIL, WE LOBBIED TO PRESERVE THIS POLICY, AND ALSO A SIMILAR POLICY FOR
WILD HORSES AND BURROS.

LOBBYING FOR OTHER ANTI-CRUELTY ACTS: WE ALSO STRONGLY LOBBIED FOR
CONSIDERATION OF THE PREVENTING ANIMAL CRUELTY AND TORTURE ACT, WHICH
PASSED THE SENATE BUT DID NOT GET A VOTE IN THE HOUSE DESPITE HAVING A
REMARKABLE 284 COSPONSORS. WE PUSHED FOR PASSAGE OF THE PREVENT ALL
SORING TACTICS ACT AND IT ATTRACTED 290 COSPONSORS IN THE HOUSE AND 50
IN THE SENATE BUT WE DID NOT GET VOTES IN EITHER CHAMBER. WE ALSO
CONDUCTED COSPONSOR DRIVES FOR BILLS TO STOP THE SALE OF SHARK FINS, TO
END DOPING IN HORSE RACING, AND TO STOP THE LIVE EXPORT OF HORSES FOR
SLAUGHTER FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

ENACTING ANIMAL WELFARE POLICIES AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS OF

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GOVERNMENT

WINNING KEY BALLOT MEASURES IN FLORIDA AND CALIFORNIA IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS: ANIMALS, NOT JUST CANDIDATES, WERE ON THE BALLOT IN TWO STATES IN NOVEMBER. AS IN THE PREVIOUS ELECTION CYCLE, ANIMAL ADVOCATES DOMINATED AT THE BALLOT BOX, AND ACTION WAS A BIG PART OF IT. AWA LEADERS WORKED WITH A SMALL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TO SECURE AMENDMENT 13'S PLACE ON THE BALLOT IN FLORIDA AND THEN HELPED ENGINEER A WINNING CAMPAIGN. AWA WAS ONE OF THE TOP THREE FUNDERS FOR AMENDMENT 13, WHICH WILL SHUT DOWN TWO-THIRDS OF THE NATIONAL GREYHOUND INDUSTRY. ACTION'S FOUNDER CONCEIVED OF PROPOSITION 12 IN CALIFORNIA AND HELPED WITH STRATEGIC DIRECTION ON THE CAMPAIGN. THE MEASURE, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY VOTERS, REQUIRES MORE SPACE FOR FARM ANIMALS.

RESTRICTING COCKFIGHTING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY: WE SUCCESSFULLY LOBBIED FOR PASSAGE OF A LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT COCKFIGHTING. THIS WAS A FOLLOW UP TO A MAJOR RAID THE PRIOR YEAR THAT EXPOSED A COCKFIGHTING "STABLE" IN RURAL, NORTHERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE BEGAN A BLITZ TO LOBBY FOR SIMILAR ORDINANCES IN VENTURA AND ORANGE COUNTIES.

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ACTION HELPED DEFEAT TWO DETERMINED ANTI-ANIMAL LAWMAKERS WHO LONG SERVED IN TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA, RESPECTIVELY. IN A NORTH DALLAS AREA DISTRICT, CHALLENGER COLIN ALLRED DEFEATED HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PETE SESSIONS, ENDING A 20-YEAR CAREER FOR A LAWMAKER WHO BLOCKED COUNTLESS ANIMAL WELFARE REFORMS FROM ADVANCING. ACTION TARGETED 40,000 SWING VOTERS WITH A MIX OF MAIL, PHONE, DIGITAL ADS, AND GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM, REMINDING VOTERS ABOUT A FEATURE OF SESSIONS' RECORD THAT HAD BEEN UNDER THE RADAR.

WE MADE SIMILAR INVESTMENTS IN A CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WHERE HARLEY ROUDA OUSTED 30-YEAR INCUMBENT REP. DANA ROHRABACHER OF

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CALIFORNIA IN A WEALTHY SWATH OF ORANGE COUNTY. AS WITH THE SESSIONS
RACE, WE TARGETED 40,000 KEY VOTERS, AND MADE A DIFFERENCE IN EXPOSING
ROHRABACHER'S UNCONSCIONABLE RECORD OF SUPPORTING THE DOG MEAT TRADE,
ANIMAL FIGHTING IN U.S. TERRITORIES, AND HORSE SLAUGHTER.
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Part VI, Section B, 19 The organization publishes on its website an annual report, which describes the accomplishments of the organization during the year just ended and includes a summary paragraph with selected financial information. The website provides a telephone number, mailing address and email address so that an interested individual can easily contact the organization to request governing documents, financial statements and regulatory reports and filings. Requested documents can be delivered either by mail or email.